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SUBJ: END OF DEMIREL'S EFFORT TO FORM COALITION

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1. FOLLOWING DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S REFUSAL TO ENTER COALITION UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP (REFTEL), JUSTICE PARTY CHAIRMAN DEMIREL LATE OCTOBER 4 MET BRIEFLY WITH HIS PARTY'S EXECUTIVE BOARD, THEN CALLED ON PRESIDENT KORUTURK TO REQUEST RELEASE FROM DUTY OF FORMING GOVT.

2. COMMENT: TO THIS POINT, THE SCENARIO AS OUTLINED BY PRIMIN ECEVIT AND REPORTED EMBTEL 7721 HAS BEEN FOLLOWED PRETTY MUCH TO THE LETTER -- EXCEPT THAT DEMIREL'S UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO FORM A GOVT HAS CONCLUDED A DAY OR SO EARLIER THAN THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE CALLED FOR. ACCORDING TO ECEVIT'S EARLIER SCENARIO, THE NEXT PROBABLE STEP IS FOR PRES. KORUTURK TO TURN AGAIN TO ECEVIT FOR (A) ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT A REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY-DEMOCRATIC PARTY COALITION, OR IF THIS IS NOT SUCCESSFUL, (B) TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A

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MINORITY GOVT.

3. WE STILL THINK PRES KORUTURK IS NOW LIKELY TO TURN BACK TO ECEVIT. HOWEVER, AS THE PRES HAS GIVEN NO PUBLIC INDICATION YET OF WHAT HE PLANS, WE CANNOT RULE OUT ALTOGETHER THE POSSIBILITY THAT, BEFORE TURNING AGAIN TO ECEVIT, THE PRES MIGHT CALL ON A NEW, RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT FIGURE. THE LATTER COULD THEN FOR EXAMPLE ATTEMPT TO PUT TOGETHER A COALITION ON THE RIGHT (WHICH PEOPLE HERE STILL BELIEVE IS POSSIBLE UNDER LEADERSHIP OF SOME ONE OTHER THAN DEMIREL). OR THIS NEW DESIGNEE MIGHT ATTEMPT A MORE BROADLY BASED NATIONAL COALITION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF MOST OF THE PARTIES IN TURKEY'S POLITICAL SPECTRUM, AND WHICH WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AS AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT UNTIL NEW ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD.
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